

WYCOMBE GET AWAY POINT

Sports Mail Special Report

NEW signing Barry Hunt was included at inside left in the Wycombe side for their Isthmian League match at Hendon this afternoon in place of Tony Horseman, who cracked a bone in his hand against Oxford City on Monday.

Hendon: Swannell; Hogwood, Cooper; Shacklock, Ashworth, Sleep; Evans, Craddock, Swain, Harding, Lakey. Substitute: Quail.

Wycombe W.: Maskell; Roystone, Beck; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Thompson, Bates, Hunt, Merrick. Substitute: Sherbourn.

Referee: A. Coghlan (Erith).

With Samuels unavailable, Thompson was brought into the Wycombe forward line for his first senior outing of the season.

Sleep showed well in the Hendon attack when he robbed Worley and raced through the middle. But Maskell beat him to the bouncing ball.

Craddock headed against the Wycombe cross bar after two ineffectual Wanderers raids.

In the 16th minute, Bates went close for Wycombe with a long shot from a Hunt pass and then the new boy himself shot just wide.

Maskell made a grand save to Lakey and then Harding went inches wide with a hard shot. Three minutes later, Harding hit the underside of the bar but the ball bounced clear.

Maskell pulled off another fine save to a Harding header and then the referee spoke to Lakey for grassing the Wycombe goalkeeper.

Cooper had to leave the field in the 33rd minute with a hand injury.

Half-time: Hendon 0, Wycombe W 0.

Maskell continued in the same vein after the restart, making two brilliant diving saves to Harding and Swain. Then Bates almost netted for Wycombe but his long, hard drive hit the cross-bar via Swannell's grasping arm.

Hendon were awarded a disputed penalty in the 65th minute, after the referee considered that Roystone had pushed Swain. He first awarded a free kick outside the box then changed his mind. But Harding shot wide.

Hendon's substitute, Quail, went on 12 minutes before the end, when Lakey limped off.

RESULT:

HENDON 0
WYCOMBE WAN. 0

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Hendon 0 Wycombe 0

FINE GOALKEEPING by John Maskell robbed Hendon of both points. Maskell never made a slip in this hard Isthmian League battle.

A strong raid by Hendon after 20 minutes ended with Craddock hitting the underside of the crossbar. The ball rebounded and was scrambled away by a hard pressed Wycombe defence.

A hotly disputed penalty was awarded to Hendon in the 67th minute, but international Tony Harding shot wide.

Hendon winger Lakey was injured 10 minutes from the end, but even substitute Irish international Jimmy Quail could not add punch in Hendon's attack.